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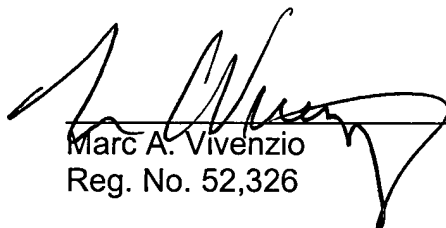
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Finally, the Applicants urge that their claims are patentably distinguishable over all disclosed relevant information or any combination thereof.

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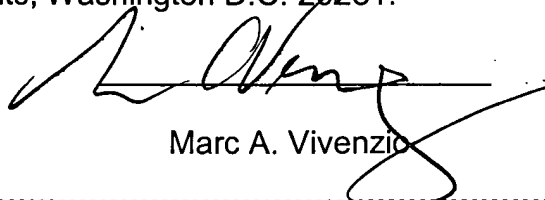
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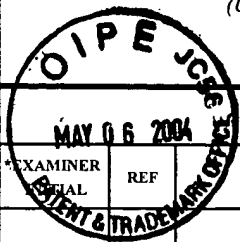
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